
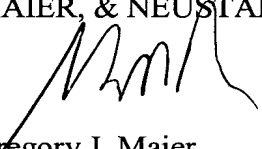


REMARKS

Favorable consideration of the present application, in light of this amendment and the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 is pending. Claim 1 corresponds to an amended version of Claim 6 from parent Application Serial No. 09/851,132. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added by this amendment.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the pending application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

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